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RESPONSE

This is in response to the non-final office action mailed March 31, 2003.

Claims 21-37 were rejected under § 112, first paragraph. Claim 26 was further objected to as failing to limit claims 21-22 from which it depends.

The Examiner noted (page 4) that the prior art references are distinguishable in that they use an inorganic base, which Applicants have shown results in polymers with inferior proprieties. The Examiner further stated:

> "The cited prior art does not teach or suggest the use of an organic base in the polymerization reactions."

In reply to this office action, please amend the application as follows:

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